food items by the end of said period? country has continuously declined during the last decade;

(d) if so, what was the comparative percentage of processed food items in the total export of the country during 1980-81 and 1990-91;

(e) whether Government have fixed any targets to increase the percentage during the Eighth Five Year Plan period; and

(f) if so, the targets fixed for the export and production of processed food items by the end of said period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) While the production of fruit was 28.24 million tonnes and that of vegetables excluding Potato and Onions were 40.96 million tonnes in 1989-90, no official estimates for production of fruit & vegetable for the period 1990-91, 1991-92 is available. It is estimated that less than 1 per cent of the annual production of fruits and vegetables are processed.

(b) to (d) The percentage share of export of processed foods excluding rice in the total exports of the country has been fluctuating from 2.21 per cent in 1980-81 to 3.17 per cent in 1981-82 and had declined to 1.79 per cent in 1990-91.

(e) and (f) While the targets of exports of processed foods is fixed by APEDA, this Ministry has projected exports of fruits and vegetables, meat & poultry products, Basmati and Non-Basmati rice and other processed foods to increase to Rs. 4500 crores in 1996-97. Exports of marine products also projected to increase to Rs. 3500 crores in 1996-97 making a total of export of Rs. 8000 crores of processed food products.

**New proposals for setting up of Food Processing Industries**

4078. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have received a staggering number of investment proposals worth crores of rupees for setting up processed food industries in the country;

(b) if so, what are the details of the proposals including the ones received from foreign companies; and

(c) what action Government contemplate to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRDHAR GOMANGO): (a) to (c) Since the Announcement of the new industrial Policy in July, 1991 enterpreneurs of the industrial undertaking are to file only a memorandum of information with the Secretariat for Industrial Approvals (SIA) in the Ministry of Industry for new projects for manufacture of articles not covered by the compulsory licensing or their substantial expansion. As per available information for the period between 1.8.91 to 30-11-92, 1844 such memoranda have been filed by entrepreneurs indicating a total investment proposal of Rs. 22,945 crores in the items of (a) prepared food stuff (1751 memoranda), and (b) beverages, spirits and vinegar (93 memoranda) Government have also received proposals from foreign companies, NRIs and overseas corporate bodies for investment in food processing industries in the country with or without collaboration with an Indian party. List of such proposals approved with foreign equity involvement is given in the annexure.

[*See* Appendix CLXV, Annexure No. 74]